



#### DISTRICT SEVEN COMMUNITIES

Allied Gardens  
Alvarado Estates  
Chollas Creek  
Colina del Sol  
College Area  
Del Cerro  
El Cerrito  
Fox Canyon  
Grantville  
Islenair  
MCAS Miramar  
Oak Park  
Rancho Encantada  
Redwood Village  
Rolando Park  
Rolando  
San Carlos  
SDSU  
Tierrasanta

# The Emerald News

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## Happy New Year

It's hard to believe it's already January and the beginning of a new year, but Team 7 is already in full gear and ready to tackle 2012. Last month, I was graciously appointed to continue to Chair the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee for the fourth year in a row. I'm excited to continue the work this committee has done and its pledge to protect the safety and well being of the community, while pushing to keep every dollar allocated to Public Safety as we head into the upcoming budget deliberations.

I've also been reappointed to the Rules Committee. Where this committee will continue to monitor the various departments as they go through the managed competition process, and carefully examine our relationships with other governing entities. I will continue to serve as a committee member on the Budget and Finance Committee, as well. I look forward to working with my colleagues to fix the financial problems of this city and restore our general fund and complete our infrastructure projects for the upcoming year.

We also have a brand new Committee, chaired by Councilmember Sherri Lightner, called Economic Development and Strategies Committee. I'm fortunate to sit on this new committee as well, where we will be taking a closer look at small business, international trade and economic development to bring back good paying local jobs to keep San Diego's economy growing.

Another issue we will have to tackle this year will be the changes made to redevelopment. The city will have to navigate through this complex matter, now that the legislature has abolished redevelopment agencies through out the state.

It's a big year ahead. I know together we can make a difference. Remember our Team 7 Mission: To empower constituents to improve their quality of life, economy and neighborhoods through the effective use of a responsive, transparent and trustworthy city government. Join us and help make a difference in your neighborhood this year.

*Thanks, Marti*

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## Shout Out from Little Saigon

"I want to thank Councilmember Emerald and her entire staff for taking the time out of their busy schedules to serve the City Heights community. We finished cleaning up El Cajon Boulevard earlier than usual, thanks to your help!"

"Councilmember Emerald's participation in, and support of, the Little Saigon Foundation Street Clean Up has sparked greater interest among residents in the community and inspired high school volunteers to participate in more community service projects. We hope to collaborate with you again in one of our future events." -Malou Amparo. For more information about Little Saigon and the work they are doing, check out their website at: <http://littlesaigonsandiego.org/>

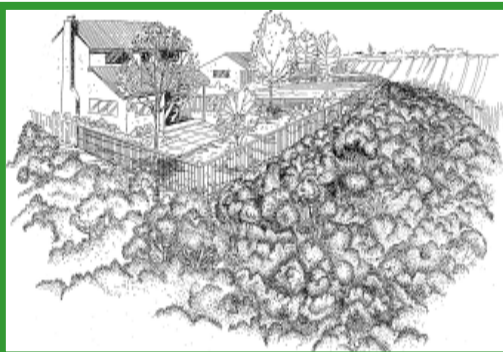


## Proactive Brush Management Program

Fire-Rescue Department's Fire Prevention Bureau staff will begin conducting door to door brush inspections of canyon rim homes or homes that abut native vegetation in the Navajo communities. However, this information is important for all property owners. The purpose of the inspections is to assure properties are in compliance with the City's Brush Management Regulation. Property owners are required by the California Fire Code and the City of San Diego Municipal Code to keep their property free of any potential fire hazards at all times.

For information on how to provide a proper defensible space and to assure your property is in compliance, please visit the Fire-Rescue Department's website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/inspections/brush.shtml>

### Before Brush Management



### After Thinning and Pruning







Earlier this year the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services (PS&NS) Committee heard from the San Diego Medical Director, Dr. Jim Dunford, regarding certain “hot spots” in the city of San Diego where bystanders were not performing CPR on cardiac arrest patients. As the Chair of PS&NS, I wanted to bring awareness to the issue and provide a solution to keep our citizens safe. To accomplish this, my office partnered with Rural/Metro Ambulance, the City of San Diego’s ambulance service provider, to host free community CPR trainings throughout the City of San Diego.

“Neighborhood Beat” was launched and the first training event was held at the SDSU Parma Payne Alumni Center on Saturday, Aug. 13 and successfully trained over 60 participants. Neighborhood Beat built on its success and continued with events in coordination with Council President Tony Young and the Rancho Bernardo Community Council, where an additional 150 community members received training.

Coming into the New Year plans are developing to have Neighborhood Beat in every Council District throughout the City. Our next training session will be Saturday January 21, 2012 from 9am to 11am at Cesar Chavez Elementary. The training will entail half-hour sessions of proper chest compression procedures, as well as how to properly utilize an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). Please find additional information regarding the event in the attached insert.



14th Philippine Lantern Festival



Proclamation Presentation at Crawford Complex, for Carl Kingsbury



SDPD K9 Unit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

## December Events



Ray E. Louth Day Proclamation At City Council



Colina Park FACTS Workshop



Gifts for Guns Gun Exchange Program

# MARTI EMERALD'S GOALS



*\*Improve Public*

*Safety*

*\*Create Jobs*

*\*Restore Trust in City*

*Government*



## January Community Events

**City Heights Business Mixer** will be held on **Thursday, January 19th, from 5-7 pm at La Maestra Community Health Center** located at 4060 Fairmount Avenue. It's a beautiful LEED Certified Gold building. It will be a lively event open to the public, with music, food from local City Heights businesses, and more. Sponsored by: City Heights Foundation and City Heights Business Association.

The City of San Diego will host the **38th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program**, so you can dispose of your tree in an environmentally friendly way. The holiday trees will become compost, mulch or wood chips. **The program will run until January 23rd.** Residents who currently receive curbside yard waste collection can just leave their tree at your curb or visit one of these District 7 locations:

- **The Greenery at the Miramar Landfill, Convoy north of Highway 52**
- **San Diego State University, Parking Lot D off Alvarado Road**
- **Tierrasanta, De Portola Middle School, 11010 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard**

Learn how to download library ebooks to your ereader or computer with free library **"eReader Clinics"**. The City's library system has recently purchased an additional \$10,000 worth of new eBooks. These clinics will be hands-on, so attendees are encouraged to bring their devices. Trainers will include demonstrations, questions and answer sessions, and individual instructions. Locations include:

- **One-on-One Personalized Session (Must RSVP at 858-573-1396). Thursday, January 26th between 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Branch Library located at 9005 Aero Drive**

It's the Year of the Dragon! A celebration of the **Chinese New Year** will take place in the late evening to early morning in Mid-City. The celebration presents Chinese music, good cheer, traditional flash and crackle of fireworks, and the exciting performance of the Dragon Dance. The celebration will take place at the Indochinese Association of San Diego located at 4536-4540 University Avenue, near Chamoune Avenue, from **11:00pm– 2:00 am on Sunday, January 22nd.**

On **Saturday, January 28, 2012**, there will be a free public community event, open to everyone who qualifies, for **free tax preparation services!** The San Diego City-County Reinvestment Task Force (RTF) will be hosting the free tax preparation event to meet the community needs of the low- and moderate-income families. This event will take place at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center located at 404 Euclid Avenue. For more information please call (619) 578-7538 or check out this website at [www.sandiegortf.org](http://www.sandiegortf.org)